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SUBJECT: MILITARY SURVEY TEAM REPORT

REF: BEIRUT 4955

1. UPON RECEIPT REFTEL, WE TOOK IMMEDIATE STEPS TO EXPEDITE
OMB AND NSC APPROVAL OF REPORT FOR RELEASE TO GOL. DOD
CONTACTS HAVE STATED THAT DOD CHOSE NOT RPT NOT TO INVOLVE
OMB AND NSC IN CLEARANCE PROCESS ORIGINALLY. THEY HAVE
NOW DECIDED NSC SHOULD CLEAR AND OMB HAS INSISTED IT HAVE
OPPORTUNITY FOR REVIEW. AS RESULT OF THESE RECENT DEVEL-
OPMENTS, DOD NOW TAKING POSITION THAT REPORT NOT YET
APPROVED FOR RELEASE TO GOL. REASON BEHIND NEED FOR OMB
CLEARANCE IS STANDING REQUIREMENT THAT NEW US COMMITMENTS,
EVEN IF IMPLIED, MUST NOT BE SENT TO GOVERNMENTS WITH FULL
OMB OKAY. REPORT AS SENT DOES NOT RPT NOT HAVE ANY SUCH
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NEW COMMITMENTS.

2. WE REALIZE THAT THIS EXPLANATION DOES LITTLE TO RELIEVE
EMBARRASSING POSITION WE NOW FIND OURSELVES IN VIS-A-VIS
GOL. WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO ALL POSSIBLE TO MOVE PROCESS
ALONG FOR EARLIEST POSSIBLE SUBMISSION TO BOUTROS, BUT THIS
WILL NOT RPT NOT HAPPEN BEFORE MONDAY, AUGUST 28, AT THE

ABSOLUTE EARLIEST. IF WE ARE LUCKY, REPORT MAY HAVE
MISSED AUGUST 27 POUCH. WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED.

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